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## Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift:

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1. Although variations in *MRP1* are involved in COPD severity, they have no further effects on lung function over time in COPD. (This thesis)
2. MRP1 protein expression in bronchial biopsies plays a role in FEV<sub>1</sub> decline occurring selectively in COPD patients with long-term ICS therapy. (This thesis)
3. Polymorphisms in *nAChR* cluster potentially have a causal role in COPD via smoking habits. (This thesis)
4. The tagging polymorphisms in *TLR2* and *TLR4* are important for the severity and progression of COPD. (This thesis)
5. A developmental gene such as *HHIP* may play an important role in protection to accelerated lung function loss in COPD. (This thesis)
6. Luck is where opportunity meets preparation. (Denzel Washington)
7. Ik schrijf je een lange brief, want ik heb geen tijd voor een korte. (Blaise Pascal)
8. A problem well stated is a problem half-solved. (Charles F. Kettering)
9. The greatest power is often simple patience. (E. Joseph Croosman)
10. In science when nothing goes right, go left.

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